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MR. JACK DAVIS
PRESIDENT
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
BOCA RATON HOTEL
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

DEAR MR. DAVIS:

I HAVE LEARNED THAT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MAY BE IN PROCESS
OF TAKING A DECISION TO TRANSFER ITS JUNE 1979 CONVENTION FROM
ROME TO ANOTHER CITY ON THE BASIS OF PERCEIVED SECURITY PROBLEMS.
THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND ITS DEMOCRATIC ORDER ARE CERTAINLY BEING
TESTED SEVERELY BY THE FORCES OF TERRORISM AND DISORDER.
EVEN DURING THIS TIME OF STRESS, HOWEVER, ITALY REMAINS UNSURPASSED
FOR ITS GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY AND CARE OF ITS FOREIGN GUESTS.
UP TO NOW, THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICANS
OR AMERICAN INTERESTS. IN DECIDING WHETHER TO COME TO ROME
IN 1979, I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THESE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT AND
REMEMBER THAT THE VISIBLE SOLIDARITY OF THE WESTERN COMMUNITY
HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT TO ITALY THAN AT THE PRESENT.

SINCERELY,
RICHARD N. GARDNER
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.GARDNER
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